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For: MEASUREMENT APPARATUS INCLUDING A TRACK FOR A MEASUREMENT
SCALE AND APPARATUS FOR TENSIONING THE SCALE

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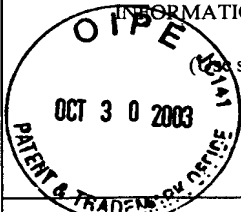
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